The site was identified considering its proximity to Coal Mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. about 150 kms away. However, the mines identified for supply of coal to the project in Wardha Valley Coal Fields were found to be of very small capacities and scattered over a large area. Therefore, linkage of coal for the project was granted from Ib Valley of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in Orissa, located about 600 Kms away. Consequently, the cost of coal transportation works out to be about Rs. 585 per tonne, resulting increase of the cost of power by about 45 Paise/Kwh. Thus, economic ranking of Mauda Thermal Power Project did not compare favourably with NTPC's proposed pit-head based integrated Mega power project in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh with a capacity of 4000 MW of meeting the power requirement of the Western Region beneficiaries including Maharashtra.

However, due to acute shortage of power in Western Region in general and Maharashtra in particular, the Ministry of Power held detailed discussions with NTPC and it has been decided that NTPC would revisit the issue. The Ministry of Power shall take up with Ministry of Coal to provide coal linkage from Western Coal Fields or from the nearest coal mines. NTPC would also examine the feasibility of setting up of Mauda Power Project using coal from Ib valley and discuss with the beneficiary states, which would be willing to buy power at the rate at which this project will be able to offer.

Increasing population in urban areas

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing population in the urban areas due to exodus from rural areas, there is a need to develop each and every city having population more than 10 lakhs under the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the names of the cities having a population of more than

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

10 lakhs where development work is being undertaken under the Master Plan at present; and

(d) the percentage of such cities in comparison to the cities having population of 10 lakhs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India has recently launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to give focused attention for infrastructure development in 63 select cities, including cities having population of 10 lakh or more, as per 2001 census. These select cities are required to prepare long term vision plan called the City Development Plans (CDPs) for accessing funds under the Mission. While preparing CDPs these cities are required to keep in view the provisions of master plans prepared by them for spatial planning.

(c) The list of cities having population of more than 10 lakh is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). There are approved Master Plans for these cities, under which development works are undertaken.

(d) Percentage of cities having population of 10 lakh or more works out to 0.68 in comparision to 5126 cities, having population upto 10 lakh.

Statement

Cities with more than 10 lakh population

Sl. No.	Name of UA	Population
1	2	3
1.	Greater Mumbai UA	16,434,386
2.	Kolkata UA	13,205,697
3.	Delhi UA	12,877,470
4.	Chennai UA	65,60,242
5.	Hyderabad UA	57,42,036
6.	Bangalore UA	57,01,446
7.	Ahmedabad UA	45,25,013
8.	Pune UA	37,60,636

1	2	3
9.	Surat UA	28,11,614
10.	Kanpur UA	27,15,555
11.	Jaipur M. Corp.	23,22,575
12.	Lucknow UA	22,45,509
13.	Nagpur UA	21,29,500
14.	Patna UA	16,97,976
15.	Indore UA	15,16,918
16.	Vadodara UA	14,91,045
17.	Coimbatore UA	14,61,139
18.	Bhopal UA	14,58,416
19.	Ludhiana M. Corp.	13,98,467
20.	Kochi UA	13,55,972
21.	Vishakhapatnam UA	13,45,938
22.	Agra UA	13,31,339
23.	Varanasi UA	12,03,961
24.	Madurai UA	12,03,095
25.	Meerut UA	11,61,716
26.	Nashik UA	11,52,326
27.	Jamshedpur UA	11,04,713
28.	Jabalpur UA	10,98,000
29.	Asansol UA	10,67,369
30.	Dhanbad UA	10,65,327
31.	Faridabad M. Corp.	10,55,938
32.	Allahabad UA	10,42,229
33.	Vijayawada UA	10,39,518
34.	Rajkot UA	10,03,015
35.	Amritsar UA	10,03,917
Total Population in 35 Cities:		108290013
Total Urban Population:		286119689
% of 35 Cities to total Urban Pop — 37.85%		

Source : Final Population Totals 2001, Census of India